

Application No. 09/828,619

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remains under examination in the application are presented below. The claims are presented in ascending order and each includes one status identifier. Those claims not cancelled or withdrawn but amended by the current amendment utilize the following notations for amendment: 1. deleted matter is shown by strikethrough for six or more characters and double brackets for five or less characters; and 2. added matter is shown by underlining.

1-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A method of supporting one or more mountable post-surgical drainage reservoirs with drainage tubes on an individual comprising:

positioning on the upper torso of an individual a strap assembly comprising a waist strap including first and second ends, fasteners attached to the first and second ends for releasably connecting said first end to said second end, a shoulder strap device including one or more straps adjoined to said waist strap in at least two positions, wherein the shoulder strap device includes loop ends for threaded attachment with the waist strap and substantially vertical frontal portions, and wherein said substantially vertical frontal portions include one or more attachment points formed by loops for attachment of one or more front straps, and one or more front straps releasably adjoined to the shoulder strap device at said loops;

mounting the one or more mountable post-surgical drainage reservoirs with drainage tubes to said one or more front straps, waist strap or both; and

securing the waist strap and front straps.

16. (Canceled)

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17. (Previously Presented) A method of supporting one or more mountable post-surgical drainage reservoirs with drainage tubes on an individual comprising:

positioning on the upper torso of an individual a strap assembly comprising a waist strap including first and second ends, fasteners attached to the first and second ends for releasably connecting said first end to said second end, a shoulder strap device including one or more straps adjoined to said waist strap in at least two positions, wherein the shoulder strap device includes substantially vertical frontal portions, and wherein said substantially vertical frontal portions include a plurality of loops formed by overlapping of the frontal portions on themselves for attachment of the waist strap and one or more front straps, and one or more front straps releasably adjoined to the shoulder strap device, wherein the one or more front straps include a loop material and hook material for releasably securing the front strap to the shoulder strap device;

mounting the one or more mountable post-surgical drainage reservoir with drainage tubes to said one or more front straps, waist strap or both; and

securing the waist strap and front straps.

18-20. (Canceled)